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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

This preliminary statement will be followed in due course by the monthly bulletin *Employment and Unemployment* (Reference No. 6.4) which gives information in greater detail.

The estimates contained herein are based on benchmarks derived from the results of the population census of June 1966. They are obtained from three main sources, namely, (a) current payroll tax returns, (b) current returns from government bodies and (c) some other current returns of employment (e.g. for hospitals); the balance, i.e. unrecorded private employment, is estimated. Month-to-month changes shown by current returns are linked to the benchmark data to derive the monthly estimates. At June 1966 recorded employment obtained from the foregoing sources accounted for about 85 per cent of the total number of employees in the industries covered, as determined by the census.

Current data supplied by reporting enterprises or establishments generally refer to persons on the payroll for the last pay-period in each month. Persons who are on paid leave or who work during part of the pay-period and are unemployed or on strike during the rest of the period are generally counted as employed. Those not shown on employers' payrolls because they are on leave without pay, on strike or stood down for the entire period are excluded.

The figures in this statement relate only to wage and salary earners, not the total labour force. They therefore exclude employers, self-employed persons and unpaid helpers. Also excluded, because of the inadequacy of current data, are employees in agriculture and private domestic service, and some part-time employees. For the sake of brevity, wage and salary earners are referred to in the tables as "employees".

Any discrepancies between totals and sums of components in tables are due to rounding. The figures shown are subject to revision.

TABLE 1. - CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES (a)  
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)  
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Month	N.S. W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N. T.	A.C.T. (b)	Australia	
									Original	Seasonally adjusted (c)
MALES										
1972—November	1,111.1	832.4	402.9	273.1	223.7	89.1	20.7	42.5	2,995.3	2,995.7
December	1,114.8	836.9	400.7	275.7	224.7	89.8	20.1	42.5	3,005.1	2,992.2
1973—November	1,133.2	848.6	420.5	281.4	233.0	91.2	21.1	46.4	3,075.4	3,075.7
December	1,138.6	854.3	419.9	283.9	234.5	92.2	21.4	46.5	3,091.4	3,078.0
FEMALES										
1972—November	589.6	457.9	191.9	141.3	120.5	40.4	10.0	25.0	1,576.7	1,566.6
December	588.8	456.6	193.2	141.9	118.3	41.3	9.7	24.7	1,574.4	1,566.7
1973—November	634.8	487.3	210.5	155.5	130.9	43.2	10.9	28.2	1,701.4	1,690.4
December	635.4	489.4	210.7	155.0	129.9	44.0	11.0	28.5	1,703.8	1,695.5
PERSONS										
1972—November	1,700.7	1,290.3	594.8	414.4	344.2	129.5	30.7	67.5	4,572.0	4,561.3
December	1,703.6	1,293.5	593.9	417.6	343.0	131.1	29.8	67.2	4,579.5	4,557.9
1973—November	1,768.0	1,335.9	631.0	436.9	363.9	134.4	32.0	74.6	4,776.8	4,765.4
December	1,774.0	1,343.7	630.6	438.9	364.4	136.2	32.4	75.0	4,795.2	4,772.6

(a) Excludes trainee teachers, some of whom were classified as wage and salary earners for earlier periods. (b) Includes persons employed in the Australian Capital Territory who reside in adjoining areas. (c) For details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting these and other series see *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators 1973* (Reference No. 1.10), issued on 3 August 1973. r - revised.

TABLE 2. - CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES BY INDUSTRY, AUSTRALIA  
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)  
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		Forestry, fishing and trapping	Mining and quarrying	Extracting, refining, foundry, etc. (a)	Metal products	Machinery and parts	Total foundry, engineering, metal working (b)	Ships, vehicles, etc.	Clothing and knitted goods	Food, drink and tobacco	Total manufacturing (b)	Electricity, gas, water and sanitary services	Building and construction	
Month														
MALES														
1972	November	14.2	69.4	89.1	101.5	97.9	339.3	174.9	17.2	148.7	1,026.8	108.5	361.4	
	December	14.3	69.9	89.6	101.4	97.8	339.4	174.7	17.2	146.4	1,023.7	108.8	358.7	
1973	November	13.3	69.8	88.9	104.4	103.3	347.7	177.6	17.1	148.8	1,045.0	108.6	363.9	
	December	13.4	70.0	89.8	104.7	103.9	349.6	178.0	17.3	146.7	1,046.1	108.7	362.3	
FEMALES														
1972	November	0.6	4.6	7.4	23.6	16.9	76.7	21.0	73.7	53.0	354.6	8.4	18.5	
	December	0.7	4.6	7.4	23.5	16.8	76.3	21.0	72.8	52.3	351.0	8.4	18.6	
1973	November	0.7	4.7	9.1	26.6	20.0	89.6	27.1	73.0	56.8	384.7	8.7	20.6	
	December	0.8	4.7	9.1	26.5	19.9	89.3	27.0	72.8	55.7	382.0	8.7	20.8	
PERSONS														
1972	November	14.8	74.0	96.6	125.1	114.8	416.1	195.9	91.0	201.6	1,381.5	116.9	379.9	
	December	15.0	74.5	97.0	124.8	114.6	415.6	195.7	90.0	198.7	1,374.7	117.3	377.2	
1973	November	14.1	74.5	98.0	131.1	123.3	437.3	204.7	90.1	205.6	1,429.8	117.2	384.5	
	December	14.2	74.7	99.0	131.1	123.8	438.9	205.0	90.1	202.4	1,428.1	117.5	383.0	
Month		Road transport and storage	Total transport and storage (b)	Communi- cation	Finance and property	Retail trade	Total commerce (b)	Public authority activities, (n.e.i.)	Health, hospitals, etc.	Education	Total community and business services (b)	Hotels, personal service, etc.	Total amuse- ment, hotels, personal service, etc. (b)	Total all industry groups
MALES														
1972	November	100.7	220.9	94.6	125.1	228.9	441.5	144.6	50.6	102.7	264.6	85.9	123.8	2,995.3
	December	100.5	221.1	101.3	125.5	233.9	446.6	145.0	51.1	101.6	264.5	87.5	125.7	3,005.1
1973	November	105.3	225.5	98.7	129.5	243.5	461.4	149.1	53.1	109.7	279.6	92.6	130.9	3,075.4
	December	105.3	225.9	105.1	130.2	247.7	467.7	149.7	53.4	108.1	279.5	94.5	132.8	3,091.4
FEMALES														
1972	November	13.2	28.8	28.2	95.2	263.1	350.6	68.4	210.4	140.5	444.4	152.0	174.3	1,576.7
	December	13.0	28.7	29.5	95.7	268.2	354.9	68.2	210.5	136.0	439.8	152.7	174.4	1,574.4
1973	November	14.0	30.2	30.1	100.5	290.9	383.6	74.5	223.0	149.6	475.1	164.3	187.7	1,701.4
	December	14.1	30.4	31.4	102.2	296.7	390.2	75.1	222.9	144.1	469.0	165.3	188.6	1,703.8
PERSONS														
1972	November	113.8	249.7	122.8	220.3	492.1	792.1	213.0	261.0	243.2	709.0	237.8	298.0	4,572.0
	December	113.5	249.8	130.8	221.2	502.1	801.5	213.2	261.6	237.6	704.3	240.3	300.1	4,579.5
1973	November	119.3	255.7	128.8	230.1	534.4	844.9	223.6	276.1	259.2	754.8	256.9	318.6	4,776.8
	December	119.4	256.3	136.5	232.4	544.4	857.9	224.7	276.3	252.2	748.5	259.8	321.4	4,795.2

(a) Includes manufacture of metal rods, bars, sheets, pipes, tubes and wire (except electric). (b) Includes industries not specified in the preceding columns.  
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TABLE 3. - CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES : AUSTRALIA  
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED SERIES  
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)  
(<sup>'000</sup>)

Month	Total civilian employees (a)			Private/Government (persons)		Principal industries (persons)	
	Males	Females	Persons	Private	Government (a) (b)	Manufacturing	Commerce
ORIGINAL							
1973 June	(d)3,027.5	1,626.8	(d)4,654.3	(d)3,494.1	1,160.2	(d)1,384.5	804.6
July	3,032.6	1,632.6	4,665.2	3,507.0	1,158.2	1,394.3	804.1
August	3,041.4	1,642.9	4,684.3	3,526.6	1,157.7	1,403.3	808.0
September	3,044.3	1,656.7	4,701.0	3,545.9	1,155.1	1,407.3	813.5
October	3,048.6	1,674.1	4,722.7	3,568.3	1,154.4	1,413.3	825.0
November r	3,075.4	1,701.4	4,776.8	3,618.5	1,158.3	1,429.8	844.9
December	3,091.4	1,703.8	4,795.2	3,631.1	1,164.1	1,428.1	857.9
SEASONALLY ADJUSTED (c)							
1973 June	(d)3,028.6	1,629.7	(d)4,657.9	(d)3,499.3	1,158.7	(d)1,386.6	808.2
July	3,040.4	1,640.0	4,680.3	3,521.1	1,159.1	1,400.2	810.1
August	3,051.2	1,651.8	4,703.9	3,542.9	1,160.5	1,409.1	r815.6
September	3,054.9	1,662.5	4,717.6	3,557.5	1,160.2	1,411.1	818.9
October	3,059.5	1,675.1	4,735.0	3,573.3	1,161.5	1,414.2	827.0
November r	3,075.7	1,690.4	4,765.4	3,602.1	1,162.8	1,425.6	834.7
December	3,078.0	1,695.5	4,772.6	3,614.3	1,158.5	1,430.5	834.9

(a) Excludes trainee teachers, some of whom were classified as wage and salary earners for earlier periods. (b) Includes employees, within Australia, of government bodies on services such as railways, road transport, banks, post office, air transport, education (including universities), broadcasting, television, police, public works, factories, departmental hospitals and institutions, migrant hostels, etc. as well as administrative employees. Excludes State and local government employees (4.7 thousand persons in December 1973) engaged in agriculture, or in private homes as employees of government emergency housekeeper services. (c) For details of the methods used in seasonally adjusting these and other series see *Seasonally Adjusted Indicators 1973* (Reference No. 1.10). (d) Affected by industrial dispute. r - revised.

TABLE 4. - TOTAL CIVILIAN EMPLOYEES (PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT) AND DEFENCE FORCES : AUSTRALIA (a)  
(Excluding agriculture and private domestic service)  
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(000)									
		Government (b)						Defence forces (d)	Total civilian employees and defence forces
Month		Private	Australian (c)	State (c)	Local	Total	Civilian employees		
MALES									
1973	November	r2,226.8	263.7	486.5	98.4	848.6	r3,075.4	67.9	r3,143.3
	December	2,234.9	270.8	487.2	98.5	856.5	3,091.4	67.2	3,158.6
FEMALES									
1973	November	r1,391.7	101.1	193.5	15.2	309.7	r1,701.4	3.0	r1,704.4
	December	1,396.2	102.6	189.7	15.3	307.6	1,703.8	2.9	1,706.7
PERSONS									
1973	November	r3,618.5	364.7	680.0	113.7	1,158.3	r4,776.8	70.9	r4,847.7
	December	3,631.1	373.4	676.9	113.8	1,164.1	4,795.2	70.1	4,865.3

(a) Excludes trainee teachers, some of whom were classified as wage and salary earners for earlier periods. (b) See footnote (b) to Table 3. (c) Includes semi-government bodies. (d) Permanent defence forces in Australia and overseas. Includes national servicemen enlisted in the Regular Army Supplement. r - revised.

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